

Savannah NWR
Jasper County, South Carolina
Effingham and Chatham Counties, Georgia

Savannah is one of 550 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable resource.

Public hunting on the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on approximately 20,000 acres. Certain areas (marked on the map printed on the reverse side) are closed to hunting.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State (Georgia and/or South Carolina) regulations: <http://www.georgiawildlife.org/hunting> and <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting>. All Coast Guard and State boating regulations will be enforced.

General Hunting Regulations

Permits are required for all hunts and must be carried on the person while hunting. All hunters must obtain a permit regardless of age. Permits are non-transferable. Only hunt participants with proper licenses and permits will be allowed on the refuge to hunt.

Hunters 15 years of age or under (youth hunters) must have successfully passed a state-approved hunter education course in order to participate in any refuge hunt. Satisfactory completion of the course must be demonstrated by a card or certificate. Youth hunters must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. During youth waterfowl hunts, the adult may supervise two youths; during all other refuge hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth.

No check-in or checkout is required. Transportation is not provided to, from, or on the refuge. Any movement within the refuge must be by foot, bicycle, or boat.

Hunting hours will be from one-half hour before legal sunrise to one-half hour after legal sunset.

The possession or use of poison or poison pods is illegal.

The distribution of bait, and hunting over bait, is prohibited.

Participating in “man drives” for deer is prohibited.

Hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been screwed or driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

Hunt stands must be removed from the refuge daily.

No flagging, blazing, painting, or trail marking devices may be used to locate stands, or for any other purpose.

Pruning/limbing of live trees is prohibited.

Dogs will not be allowed on refuge hunts, except during waterfowl hunts.

Camping is not permitted on the refuge.

The possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

All forms of litter must be removed from the refuge.

Only designated game species and feral hogs may be taken, and other wildlife may not be molested in any manner.

Hunting will not be permitted closer than 100 yards of U.S. Hwy 17, GA Highway 25/SC Hwy 170 or the refuge maintenance center area; or railroad rights of way, nor within the areas marked as closed on the map printed in this brochure.

All persons within the hunt zone are required to wear an outer garment which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter-orange material above the waist, except during the archery-only deer hunt, the turkey hunt, and the waterfowl hunt.

Specific regulations governing the deer, hog, squirrel, turkey, and waterfowl hunts are listed separately.

Permits for the non-quota hunts (printed on the cover of this brochure) are available throughout the hunt periods. A limited number of permits will be issued for the youth waterfowl hunt and the mobility-impaired gun hunt for deer. Additional brochures and quota hunt applications may be downloaded from the refuge website: <http://www.fws.gov/savannah/hunting.html>, or you may request brochures be mailed to you by contacting the Savannah NWR office (843/784 2468).

Deer/Hog Archery Hunt

October 1-31, 2010
Archery hunting for deer and hogs will be permitted, from October 1-31, 2010, in all areas designated on the attached refuge map.

Only bows will be authorized for deer/hog hunting. Crossbows are prohibited.

Five deer (no more than three antlerless and two antlered) and feral hogs (no bag limit) may be taken. “Bonus” deer tags will not be issued for deer taken. All other state regulations will apply.

Doe days for refuge lands in Georgia will coincide with doe days set by the state for Effingham County only.

Does taken in South Carolina must be tagged with state doe tags before being removed from the refuge. These tags must be purchased from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (application provided in the state hunting regulations booklet or may be downloaded from SCDNR website).

A big game license will be required to participate in this hunt.

Deer/Hog/Squirrel Gun Hunt

November 1-30, 2010
Gun hunting for deer, hog, and squirrel will be permitted on November 1-30, 2010 in all areas designated on the attached refuge map.

Five deer (no more than three antlerless and two antlered) may be taken. “Bonus” tags will not be issued for deer taken. Doe days for refuge lands in Georgia will coincide with doe days set by the state for Effingham County only. All other state regulations will apply.

Does taken in South Carolina must be tagged with state doe tags before being removed from the refuge. These tags must be purchased from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (application provided in the state hunting regulations booklet or may be downloaded from SCDNR website).

Feral hogs may also be taken (no bag limit) during the deer hunt with weapons legal for this hunt.

Only shotguns with slugs, centerfire rifles (.22-caliber or larger), muzzleloaders, and bows (no crossbows), in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized for deer and hog hunting throughout the designated hunt area.

Georgia and/or South Carolina Game Zone 11 bag limits for squirrel will apply.

Only .22 caliber rimfire rifles or shotguns with #2 shot or smaller will be authorized for squirrel hunting.

Hog Hunt

March 12-20, 2011
Hog hunting will be permitted March 12-20, 2011 in all areas designated on the attached refuge map.

A hunting license is required to hunt feral hogs.

Only hogs (no bag limit) may be taken.

Only shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders, and bows (no crossbows), in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized during the March hog hunt.

Turkey Hunt

April 2-22, 2011
Turkey hunting on will be permitted April 2-22, 2011 in all areas designated on the attached refuge map.

Hunters may harvest three gobblers only.

Only shotguns with #2 shot or smaller, and bows (no crossbows) in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized for turkey hunting.

Use of slugs or buckshot is illegal during the turkey hunt.

Waterfowl Hunt

State Seasons
Hunting of waterfowl (ducks and coots) is permitted in designated areas north of GA Highway 25/SC Highway 170 (marked on attached refuge map).

Georgia and South Carolina waterfowl seasons and federal regulations apply.

Hunters are encouraged to use dogs as retrievers, but they must be under control at all times.

Decoys and other personal property must be removed from the refuge daily.

Hunting will not be permitted within 100 yards of Georgia Highway 25 and South Carolina Highway 170; in or on Middle and Steamboat Rivers and Houstown Cut, nor closer than 50 yards of the shoreline of these waterways.

Mobility-Impaired Hunt

November 16-17, 2010
A limited number of mobility-impaired hunters (permanently dependent on wheelchairs for mobility) will be permitted to hunt deer/hogs within a portion of the refuge on November 16-17, 2010. For information concerning this hunt, contact the Savannah NWR office (843/784 2468) before August 15, 2010 or visit the refuge website: <http://www.fws.gov/savannah/hunting.html>

Youth Hunts

A youth archery hunt for deer is scheduled for October 1-31, 2010. An unlimited number of permits (printed on the cover of this brochure) will be issued for this hunt. A limited number of permits will be issued for the youth waterfowl hunt set for November 27, December 4, and December 11, 2010. Both hunts will be held within a portion of the refuge located in Georgia (Solomon Tract), accessible by motorized vehicle from GA Highway 21. Youth hunters (15 years of age or under) must be under direct adult supervision (within sight and hearing of a person 21 years old or older). The adult may supervise no more than two youths.

To obtain information on all youth hunts, including applications for the youth waterfowl hunt, contact the Savannah NWR office or visit the refuge website. Youth waterfowl hunt applications must be returned to the refuge office by August 31, 2010 to be considered.

Contact Information

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge
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Special Information

Portions of the refuge lying in both Georgia and South Carolina are open to hunting. Therefore, hunters should familiarize themselves with the area they wish to hunt and obtain the appropriate state license/licenses.

Much of the land surrounding the Savannah NWR is privately owned. Please respect our neighbors by not trespassing to reach the refuge and making sure you are within refuge boundaries while hunting.

Boater Caution

Boats are needed to hunt the Georgia portions of the refuge; some areas in South Carolina are accessible by foot. Motorized land vehicles may not be used.

Coastal waters are subject to extreme tidal fluctuations of six to ten feet. Hunters are urged to be familiar with tide tables, carry adequate safety equipment, and exercise caution when participating in hunts on the refuge.

Fishing Regulations

Sport fishing on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on impounded waters, tidal creeks, and canals within the refuge boundaries. Sport fishing shall be in accordance with all applicable state regulations and subject to the following special conditions:

Bank fishing from the Laurel Hill Wildlife Drive is permitted year-round. Kingfisher Pond (located on US-17, one mile north of the interchange with SC-170 West) is open to fishing all year. For all other impounded waters, the fishing season extends from March 1 - November 30. A South Carolina fishing license is required to fish in any of these areas.

Only non-motorized boats and boats with electric motors are permitted on Kingfisher Pond and other impounded waters.

State licenses are required, but no special refuge permit is needed for sport fishing.

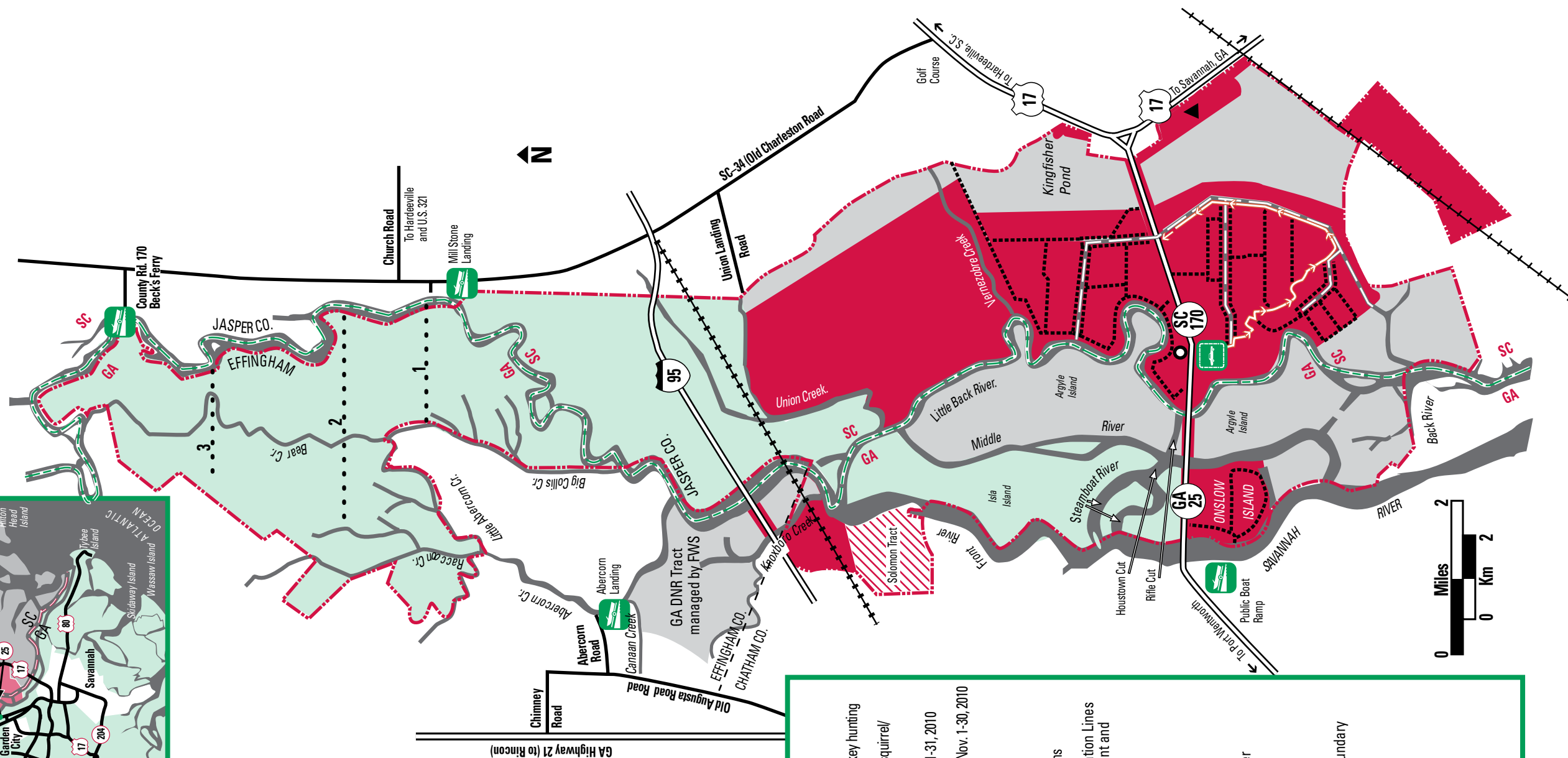
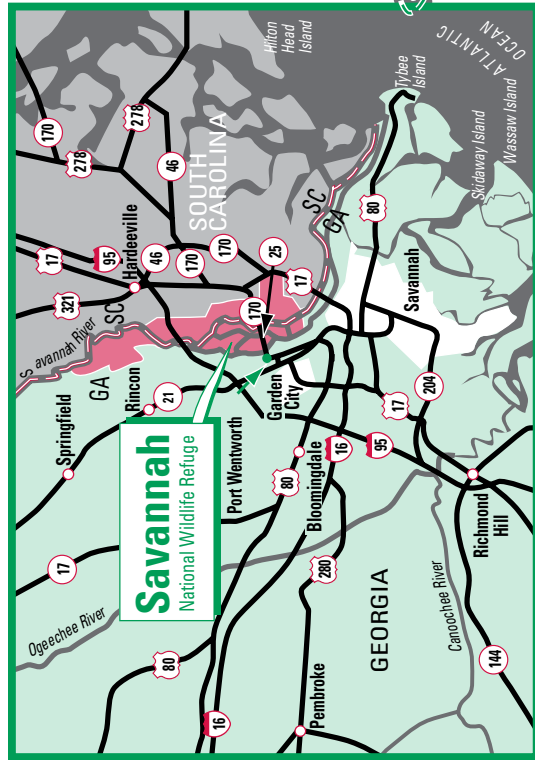
All areas posted with “Area Closed” signs are closed to all activities including fishing.

No one will be allowed on the refuge before sunrise and all persons must be off the refuge no later than one half hour after sunset.

Boats may not be left on the refuge overnight.

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Legend

- Open to deer/hog/squirrel/turkey hunting
- Open to waterfowl/deer/hog/squirrel/turkey hunting
- Archery Deer/Hog Hunt - Oct. 1-31, 2010
- Deer/Hog/Squirrel Gun Hunt - Nov. 1-30, 2010
- Hog Hunt - Mar. 12-20, 2011
- Turkey Hunt - April 2-22, 2011
- Waterfowl Hunt GA/SC Seasons
- (1, 2, & 3) East/West Orientation Lines (trees marked with blue paint and reflectors)
- Areas closed to all hunting
- Open to youth hunts only
- Visitor Center
- Refuge Maintenance Center
- Laurel Hill Wildlife Drive
- Boat Launching Ramp
- Georgia/South Carolina Boundary
- Refuge Boundary
- Diversion Canal
- Dikes
- Railroad
- County/State Roads

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Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2010-2011



2010-2011 Savannah NWR Hunt Permit

When signed and in your possession, this brochure serves as your permit for Savannah NWR's 2010-2011 season hunts (excluding youth hunts and the mobility-impaired hunt), and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Signature _____